

HUNTING

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HUNTING		Daily Bag Limit	Possession Limit	Season Limit
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Species	Open season			
Birds:				
Crow ¹	Jan. 1 - Apr. 10 Jul. 1 - Apr. 9, 2005	-	-	-
Pheasant ²	Oct. 16 - Nov. 27	2	4	6
Quail ³	Oct. 16 - Nov. 27	4	8	20
Ruffed Grouse ⁴	Oct. 16 - Nov. 27	3	6	15
Turkey ⁵	Spring: Season #1: Apr. 26 - May 22 Season #2: Apr. 26 - May 8 Fall: Oct. 25 - Oct. 30	} See Note # 5		
Waterfowl / migratory birds (including woodcock) see migratory bird abstracts.				
Mammals:				
Black Bear ⁶	Sep. 7 - Sep. 25 Nov. 15 - Nov. 20	See Note # 6		
Bobcat ⁷	Jan. 1 - Mar. 8 Dec. 20 - Mar. 8, 2005	See Note # 7		
Cottontail Rabbit	Mainland: Jan. 1 - Feb. 28 Oct. 16 - Feb. 28, 2005 Dukes and Nantucket: Jan. 1 - Feb. 28 Nov. 15 - Feb. 28, 2005	5	10	-
Coyote ⁸	Jan. 1 - Feb. 28 Nov. 1 - Feb. 28, 2005	-	-	-
Deer (archery) ⁹	Oct. 11 - Nov. 20	} See note # 9		
Deer (shotgun) ⁹	Zones 1 - 11; 14: Nov. 29 - Dec. 11 Zones 12 - 13: Nov. 29 - Dec. 4			
Deer (muzzleloader) ⁹	Dec. 13 - Dec. 31			
Fox (red or gray)	Jan. 1 - Feb. 28 Nov. 1 - Feb. 28, 2005			
Gray Squirrel ¹⁰	Eastern Zone: Oct. 16 - Jan. 1, 2005 Western Zone: Sep. 13 - Jan. 1, 2005	5	10	-
Jackrabbit ¹¹	Nov. 15 - Dec. 31	1	2	-
Opossum ¹²	Jan. 1 - Jan. 31 Oct. 1 - Jan. 31, 2005	-	-	-
Raccoon ¹²	Jan. 1 - Jan. 31 Oct. 1 - Jan. 31, 2005	3	-	-
Snowshoe Hare ¹³	Eastern Zone: Jan. 1 - Feb. 5 Oct. 16 - Feb. 5, 2005 Western Zone: Jan. 1 - Feb. 28 Oct. 16 - Feb. 28, 2005 Dukes and Nantucket: Jan.1 - Feb. 5 Nov. 15 - Feb. 5, 2005	2	4	-
Reptiles and Amphibians:				
Bullfrog & Green frog ¹⁴	Jul. 16 - Sep. 30	12	24	-
Snapping Turtle ¹⁴	Jan. 1 - Dec. 31	-	-	-

Seasons CLOSED during shotgun deer season — ALL hunting seasons except waterfowl are closed from Nov. 29 to Dec. 11 in deer management zones (DMZ) 1-11 & 14 and from Nov. 29 to Dec. 4 in DMZ 12-13.

The following species may be taken by licensed hunters with no daily or seasonal bag limit: English sparrow, starling, chipmunk, flying squirrel, red squirrel, weasel, porcupine, skunk, woodchuck.

Closed season throughout the year on all birds and mammals not mentioned herein or in Massachusetts migratory bird regulations.

Hunter harassment is against state law. Report violations to the Office of Law Enforcement 1-800-632-8075 or state or local police and prepare to provide a description of violators.